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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

A. Transformed plant cells and plants, DNA constructs with plant promoters, and methods of plant transformation, claims 1-3 and 5-48.

B. Transformed mammalian cells and mammals, DNA constructs with mammalian promoters, and methods of mammalian transformation, claims 1-2, 4-23 and 43-48.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1-2, 5-23 and 43-48 are generic.

Each species is drawn to physiologically divergent products and methods for making them. Plants and animals are physiologically divergent, and have different genetic systems, as well as different methods for transformation, each requiring a separate search. Plant-expressible promoters and mammalian-expressible promoters are biochemically divergent and diverge at the sequence level as well as the regulatory level, each requiring a separate search.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

After Applicant elects a species above, the remaining claims are further divided into the following restrictable inventions as set forth below.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-9, 16-19, 22-30 and 43, drawn to a method of eukaryotic transformation with a DNA molecule comprising a replication cassette and an expression cassette, classified in class 435, subclass 320.1, for example.
- II. Claims 10-11 and 31-33, drawn to a method of eukaryotic transformation with homologous DNA sequences for homologous recombination and chromosomal integration, classified in class 435, subclass 463, for example.

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- III. Claims 12-15, 34-41 and 44-48, drawn to a method of eukaryotic transformation with a DNA molecule comprising a recombinase gene and recombination sites, classified in class 435, subclass 462, for example.
- IV. Claims 20-21 and 42, drawn to a method of eukaryotic transformation with a DNA molecule comprising a nuclear targeting sequence, classified in class 435, subclass 69.8, for example.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

Inventions I-III and IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions have different modes of operation and different functions. The inventions involve biochemically divergent starting materials and processes, each not required by the other.

The invention of Group I involves an autonomously replicating, non-integrated replication system, and an expression cassette, each not required by any other group. The invention of Group II involves homologous chromosomal sequences and methods for homologous recombination, each not required by any other group. The invention of Group III involves recombination sites and recombinase genes, each not required by any other group. The invention of Group IV involves nuclear targeting sequences and methods for nuclear targeting, each not required by any other group.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject

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matter, classification, and fields of search, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

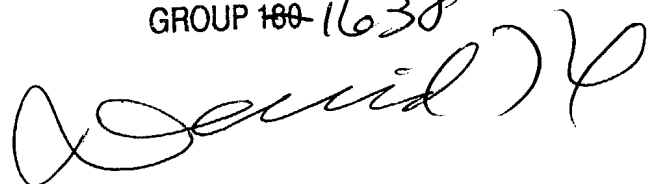
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David T. Fox whose telephone number is (571) 272-0795. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 10:30AM to 7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amy Nelson, can be reached on (571) 272-0804. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

March 17, 2004

DAVID T. FOX
PRIMARY EXAMINER
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David T. Fox", is written over the printed name and title.